

Committee of the Whole

March 11, 2014

The Committee of the Whole met Tuesday, March 11, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. in the Quorum Court Room, County Administration Building, Third Floor, 215 East Central, Bentonville, Arkansas.

15 JPs Present: McKenzie, Hernandez, J. Harrison, Allen, K. Harrison, Adams, Jones, Sandlin, Anglin, Chiocco, Curry, Carr, Moore, Meyers, Moehring

Others Present: County Judge Bob Clinard, Comptroller Sarah Wilson, Human Resources Manager Barbara Ludwig, Chief Deputy Rob Holly

Media: Tom Sissom - Daily Record

Chair Kurt Moore called the meeting to order.

JP J. Harrison made motion to suspend the rules and read all ordinances and resolutions by title only, seconded by JP Sandlin.

Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dawn Harpool of Bella Vista expressed her appreciation for the county workers and their hard work on Sunset Drive after the snow and ice storm.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

JP Allen reported that the Finance Committee had met, and that the sales tax was below their projections, and jail collections were also down.

JP Carr stated that the Public Safety Committee was going to meet Wednesday, March 12, 2014 to discuss how to fund Emergency Management Services (EMS).

A. Resolution Request: Confirming the County Judge's Appointment of Alicia N. Tilghman to the Benton County Historical Preservation Commission

JP Carr made motion to approve and forward the proposed resolution to the March 20, 2014 Quorum Court agenda, seconded by JP Curry.

Alicia N. Tilghman introduced herself to the committee and stated that she look forward to serving on the Benton County Historical Preservation Commission.

Motion passed by unanimous show of hands vote.

B. Resolution Request: Amend Resolution R-2013-29 Sheriff's Office Interim Filling of Vacancy

JP Allen made motion to approve and forward the proposed resolution to the March 20, 2014 Quorum Court agenda, seconded by JP Jones.

Motion passed by unanimous show of hand vote.

JP Moore requested that Chief Deputy Rob Holly come forward to make a presentation on medical care for the inmates in the jail.

Chief Deputy Rob Holly stated the Benton County Sheriff's Office has been exploring hiring a company to provide medical care. He stated that the complexities of the necessary medical services are outside the expertise of the sheriff and his staff. He stated we do not have the capacity to supervise a medical staff.

Chief Holly stated that they have talked with four companies in the field and at that time introduced Tim Quintana, a marketing representative and Dr. Jason Junkins of Southern Health Partners.

Tim Quintana of Southern Health Partners stated that Southern Health Partners has been in business for more than 20 years, and has contracts to provide medical services to more than 200 facilities. He stated that the company has been seeking contracts in Arkansas for the last six months and that they have agreements with Arkansas, Miller, Saline, and Boone counties. He said the company expects to save the county money, by minimizing inmate trips to hospitals and providing more medical care in the jail. He added that the company can also reduce costs on services and pharmaceuticals because it operates on a larger scale than a single entity.

Chief Deputy Rob Holly stated that the next step will be to bid the service and see what response the county receives. He stated we are currently paying out approximately \$600,000 with salaries, medical services and pharmacy costs.

After lengthy discussion was held on the presentation for pharmaceutical and medical care costs for the inmates in the jail, no action was taken.

C. Resolution Request: Authorizing the County Judge to Submit Application to the US. State Department of Justice Programs, for the 2014 Drug Court Enhancement Grant Program

JP Jones stated this resolution request is for approval to apply for the U.S. State Department of Justice Program, Adult Drug Court Enhancement Grant Program, and made motion to approve and forward the proposed resolution to the March 20, 2014 Quorum Court agenda, seconded by JP Sandlin.

Motion passed by unanimous show of hands vote.

D. Appropriation Ordinance Request: County/Agent Extension Office /Coop. Dept. 0801, Fund 1000, Arkansas Festival GIF Grant Fund

JP Jones stated that this appropriation ordinance request is for the Benton County Master Gardeners and made motion to approve and forward the proposed appropriation ordinance to the March 20, 2014 Quorum Court agenda, seconded by JP Chiocco.

Motion passed by show of hands vote.

E. Appropriation Ordinance Request: Create a New Fund FY 2013 Adult Drug Court Discretionary Grant in Department 0414, Juvenile Court Div. III, Fund 3740

JP Moehring made motion to approve and forward the proposed appropriation ordinance to the March 20, 2014 Quorum Court agenda, seconded by JP J. Harrison.

Motion passed by show of hands vote.

F. Appropriation Ordinance Request: To Create a New Fund in Department 0100, County Judge, to be named “Maysville Community Center GIF Grant”, Fund 3650

JP Curry made motion to approve and forward the proposed appropriation ordinance to the March 20, 2014 Quorum Court agenda, seconded by JP Carr.

Motion passed by unanimous show of hands vote.

G. Appropriation Ordinance Request: Transfer from County Clerk Cost Fund, Fund 3005, to County General, Fund 1000

JP J. Harrison stated that this appropriation ordinance request is to transfer \$20,000 from the County Clerk Cost Fund to County General to help cover the expenses for the move to the new Benton County Rogers Offices (BCRO) and made motion to approve and forward the proposed appropriation ordinance to the March 20, 2014 Quorum Court agenda, seconded by JP Allen.

Motion passed by unanimous show of hands vote.

H. Appropriation Ordinance Request: Amend O-2011-61 (2012 Budget) to Transfer from the General Fund, Fund 010 to Capital Projects, Fund 440

JP Jones stated that this appropriation ordinance request for \$1.8 million is to amend the 2012 budget to correct a transfer to the Capital Projects Fund from the General Fund as originally budgeted for calendar year 2012, and made motion to approve and forward the proposed appropriation ordinance to the March 20, 2014 Quorum Court Agenda, seconded by JP Sandlin.

Motion passed by unanimous show of hands vote.

**I. Appropriation Ordinance Request: Amend Appropriation Ordinance O-2013-83
(2012 Benton County Budget) *Schedule 4 – Personnel and Compensation*
Authorization, Department 0104, Tax Collector, Fund 1801**

JP Sandlin made motion to approve and forward the proposed appropriation ordinance to the March 20, 2014 Quorum Court agenda, seconded by JP Hernandez.

Motion passed by unanimous show of hands vote.

OTHER BUSINESS

JP Sandlin stated that the Personnel Committee meeting scheduled for March 31, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. has been postponed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

JP Allen stated that now the legislative session is over in Little Rock that a Legislative Committee meeting will be held at a future date to discuss items to present to our representatives.

JP Moore reminded the court that the Quorum Court Meeting will be held next Thursday, March 20, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.